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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BENC, AF, IR

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: GAS LIQUEFACTION STUDY

REF: A) KABUL 1818, B) TEHRAN 2461, C) STATE 041630

--- (NOTAL), D) TEHRAN 1357, E) STATE 025152 (NOTAL)

1. PROCON INFORMS MEPD THAT PROPOSAL ON GAS LIQUEFACTION STUDY TO BE AIR FREIGHTED TO AFGHANISTAN ON MARCH 11 OR 12 AND COMPANY INTENDS TO SEND REP TO KABUL TO PERSONALLY DISCUSS PROPOSAL. AS EMBASSY PROBABLY AWARE, PROCON IS NOT HOPEFUL OF FOLLOW-ON WORK SINCE LNG SCHEME APPEARS TO BE INFEASIBLE. WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF OTHER U.S. FIRMS MENTIONED PARA 2 REF A WHICH ARE ALSO PRESENTING PROPOSALS.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED REGARDING COORDINATION OF USG ACTIVITIES ON MAJOR PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN. WHILE WE APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF TEHRAN AND OTHER REGIONAL POSTS,

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CONFLICTING REQUESTS FOR BID DEADLINE EXTENTIONS ON

GAS STUDY ARE EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE WHEN TOO

MANY ACTION POSTS INVOLVED. EMBASSY WILL ALSO RECALL  
EXPERIENCE OF KANDAHAR TEXTILE MILL BIDDING. WE  
PREFER THAT MAJOR PROJECT CONTACTS BE HANDLED  
THROUGH CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS OF U.S. FIRMS RATHER  
THAN THROUGH FOREIGN SUBSIDIARIES OR SALES OFFICES.  
WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO INFORM ALL CAPABLE U.S. COMPANIES  
OF PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ASSIST AND FURTHER  
ADVISE THOSE FIRMS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND  
HAVE ACTUALLY FOLLOWED THROUGH ON PROJECT LEADS.

THEREFORE, UNLESS THE SERVICES OF OTHER POSTS ARE  
SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED, WE REQUEST KABUL USE SINGLE  
WASHINGTON CHANNEL FOR ACTION REQUESTS ON MAJOR PROJECTS  
TO ASSURE MAXIMUM COORDINATION, TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF  
EFFORTS, AND TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO  
U.S. FIRMS OR USG.

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